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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7040

BILL NUMBER: HB 1344

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 2, 2006

BILL AMENDED: Jan 30, 2006

SUBJECT: Government Consolidation in Vanderburgh County.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Hinkle

FIRST SPONSOR: Sen. Becker

BILL STATUS: As Passed House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) The bill establishes the Vanderburgh County Government Efficiency Commission to study government consolidation in Evansville and Vanderburgh County.

It provides that the Commission consists of the following members:

- (1) The mayor of the city of Evansville or the mayor's designee.
- (2) Two members of the common council of the city of Evansville, who must be members of different political parties, appointed by the majority vote of the common council.
- (3) One member of the Vanderburgh County board of commissioners, appointed by the majority vote of the board of commissioners.
- (4) Two members of the Vanderburgh County council, who must be members of different political parties, appointed by the majority vote of the county council.
- (5) Three residents of Vanderburgh County appointed by the president of the Vanderburgh County council and three residents of Vanderburgh County appointed by the president of the Vanderburgh County board of commissioners.

The bill provides that the chairman of the Commission is elected by members of the Commission.

The bill also provides that the following individuals serve as nonvoting advisors to the Commission:

- (1) The Vanderburgh County sheriff or the sheriff's designee.
- (2) The chief of the police department of Evansville or the chief's designee.
- (3) The chief of the fire department of Evansville or the chief's designee.
- (4) The chief or other officer in charge of a volunteer fire department in Vanderburgh County,

appointed by majority vote of all chiefs or other officers in charge of all volunteer fire departments in Vanderburgh County.

(5) An elected township assessor, appointed by majority vote of all elected township assessors in Vanderburgh County.

(6) An elected township trustee, appointed by majority vote of all elected township trustees in Vanderburgh County.

The bill prohibits the chairman of the Commission from calling a meeting of the Commission unless:

(1) a majority of the voters voting on a local public question placed on the ballot in Vanderburgh County who reside in a municipality vote in favor of continuing to study consolidation; and

(2) a majority of the voters voting on a local public question placed on the ballot in Vanderburgh County who do not reside in a municipality vote in favor of continuing to study consolidation.

It provides that the local public question shall be voted on in the 2006 general election.

Effective Date: July 1, 2006.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The Commission is to provide its final recommendations to the Legislative Council in an electronic format before November 1, 2007.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Adding the public question to the ballot of the 2006 general election would have a minimal fiscal impact on the cost of printing ballots for the election.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: City of Evansville, Vanderburgh County.

Information Sources: Legislative Council Resolution 05-02.

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